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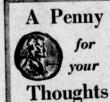
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OPINIONS ON LIE-TEST DIF



There's a move on again to lower the voting age in California to 18, so the Pennies photographer asked five local people, "What do you think about the voting age being lowered?"

Ted Witowich, 1775 Marin

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"I don't see any particular reason why the voting age should be lowered to 18. I think this depends on the individual. Some people, no doubt, will

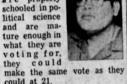
be intelligent enough to make decision at 18, but 1 think cording to statistics compiled by the Los Angeles City Planthe age limit is correct now."



in college, who are more ma-ture at 18, but there aren't

William Kanatsky, 1023 Aca-

cia St.:
"I believe that if people are properly schooled in political science and are ma-ture enough in what they are



Craig Baxley, 4038 W. 175th

"I really think the age should be lowered to

18. Almost everybody is out of high school by the time they are

and have enough education be able to vote inteligently.

Mrs. Elm 18338 Yukon Elmer Vandergrift,

Ave.:
"I think it should be low-ered. If young people are old enough at 18 to fight for their county. their county, then they are old enough to

make a decision in an election. If they are high school graduates, their education is more current than many people's interest."

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Woman Calls **Ex-Torrance Man Abductor**

A former Torrance resident was being held by Los Angeles police vesterday after an Arizona housewife told police he had held her captive for seven days. Mrs. Velma Jo Musil, 19, of Phoenix, said she managed to escape long enough to tell a Torrance physician of her plight, accord-

ing to Harbor Division detec-tives. The police said the doctor directed them to the sus-

The suspect, Fred Robert Smith, 51, was arrested Monday evening at a motel at 1629 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. He was booked on accusations of kidnaping, and investigation of criminal assault and child molestation after a lie detector test. Estimated population of the City of Los Angeles strip east of Torrance is now 11,300, ac-

Police said he insisted Mrs. Musil was "after my money." Officers also said Smith had sky, 1023 Acacia
St.:
"I think it should stay like it is because people at 18 do not follow the ideas of the candidates

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The woman says she baby-sat for Smith in El Cajon and went with the family to Las Vegas when Smith moved there in November. Her hus-band and her father found her Total population of the City of Los Angeles was estimated in Las Vegas and returned her to Phoenix, where the alleged kidnapping is said to have Improvement Set

MORE DEVELOPMENT DUE . . . Development of parking for 340 cars at Torrance Beach estimated to cost more than \$78,000 has been called for in bids due Feb. 5 in the offices of the County Engineer. Authority for the bid call was voted Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors. The new parking will be in addition to the 110 stalls now available and will be located between the present lot and Pasco de la Concha on the ocean side of Pasco



NEW VOTER . . . Larry Coil, who has just turned 21 and, therefore, eligible to vote, registers with Deputy City Clerk Marjorie Moss while his father, City Clerk Vernon P. Coil, looks on at the right. Larry will be eligible to vote in the municipal elections on April 14, as will all other voters who register no later than Feb. 20. City Clerk Coil yesterday urged all prospective voters to check their registration status. The coming year will be a busy one at the polls. (Herald Photo)

The Override Tax

School Future Rides A new subdivision located north of Lomita Blvd, and west of Walnut in Lomita, has been approved by the regional planning commission. Richard Mertz 2320 Pacific Coast Hwy, will develop 13 single family residence lots on the two acreparcel. | Consumation of the tax his managed to leave Smith standing in a doctor's waiting room Monday after going there for removal of a cyst. | Consumation of the tax his will be several articles which The several articles which The reasons behind the override prosecution under federal statutes. | Consumation of the tax his will publish on the forthcoming | the tax his will publish on the forthcoming | the tax his will publish on the forthcoming | the tax his will publish on the forthcoming | the tax his will publish on the tax his of the tax his will publish on the forthcoming | the tax his will publish on the tax his of the tax his will publish on the tax his of the tax his will publish on the tax his of the tax his of the tax his will publish on the tax his of the tax his of the tax his will publish on the tax his of the

election to uncover the whys and hows of problems faced by the local schools today.)

By JERRY REYNOLDS

PROPERTY owners actually paid a tax rate of \$4.1125 per \$100 this year, but that total includes \$1.2125 for bond re-Herald Staff Writer
Taxpayers in this city face decision come Feb. 4—a deduction come Feb. 4—a deducti

District officials, faced with rising costs and a 50-cent override tax which will expire at the end of the current fiscal year, are asking the taxpayers to approve a 90-cent override tax for a term of five years. While the measure appears on the ballot as a 90-cent hike, it represents a boost of only 40 cents over the current general purpose expenditures tax rate.

The current tax rate for Torrance is \$2,90 for each \$100 of assessed valuation, but an override approved in 1960 will expire June 30 and the rate will automatically drop to \$2,40 per \$100 unless the Feb.

The current is approved. Ap-

In The Herald Today

Councilmen Urge 'Full Cooperation'

Can police officers be ordered to take lie detector tests in the course of investigations into affairs of the city? "I feel it is unconstitutional and an encroachment on one's own personal, human, and civil rights," City Manager Wade Peebles wrote last week in a memor-

andum to police department employes, saying he would not "subject any persons, by order, Building to take a polygraph (lie detector) test."

Police officers can be ordered to take such tests, and several leading cases in Cali-

Councilmen Nick Drale, J. A. Beasley and Ross A. Sciarrotta Jr., seeking to get the matter straightened out, asked representatives of the attorney general's office and the district attorney's office to explain the situation to members of the City Council. A meeting was set up in the city hall for 6:30 last evening to hear the asta and county officials.

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LARGEST OF the permits issued in December went to the Ocean View Development at Van Ness Avenue and 182nd Street. The building permit was valued at \$1,266,740.

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A permit listed at \$74,820 was issued to Donald G. Hunt for a 106-unit motel. Several permits for apartment units were valued in excess of \$250,-000.

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Last Year

fornia back up the issue, according to an opinion handed to members of the City Council by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer Tuesday night.

REMELMEYER'S opinion drawn up at the request of City Manager Peebles, cited several California cases in which police officers were removed from office for refusing to submit to such tests and the courts upheld the dismissal.

Opinion on the City Council appeared sharply divided with Councilman Ross A. Sciarrotta Jr. stating emphatically that officers should be ordered to appear for such tests when requested.

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CITY MANAGER Peebles is sued the memo Thursday saying he would not order the officers to appear, and charges (Continued on Page 2)

When all construction started in 1963 is completed, the city will have gained a total of 713 single-family homes and 2,900 apartment units.

A total of 224 permits were (Continued on Page 2)

Taxpayers in this city face a decision come Feb. 4—a decision that will have a substantial effect on the future of the Torrance Unified School District. District officials, faced with sleing costs and a 50-cent over-sicing costs and a 50-cent over-sicin

man in his neighborhood, Westcott said.

"He has the drive to get
ahead . . . to build a successful business" the circulation
manager said.

Lee's favorite hobby is the
operation of model airplanes,
which he also likes to build.
He has had two years experience in the Pop Warner football program, and is "pretty
handy" with a baseball.



LEE HALEY